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**Quintodecimo 2009 Taurasi Vigna Quintodecimo**

**Taurasi, Campania**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2021 - 2031**

At twelve years of age, the 2009 Taurasi Vigna Quintodecimo maintains an imposing, deep, dark ruby color. Its bouquet blends masses of blackberries, blueberries and plums with exotic spices, crushed stone, cocoa and a hint of soy. This rushes the palate with fleshy, silken textures and a rich display of ripe red and black fruits; all are propelled by brilliant acidity that effortlessly lifts the 2009's imposing weighty persona, creating an unexpectedly juicy sensation. This tapers off only lightly structured and fresh, yet still quite long, resonating on mentholated notes of licorice, violet candies and black currants. While I don't see the 2009 getting much better than it is today, there's also no rush, as its balance of structure and fruit is on point. This is a beautiful combination of perfectly ripe Aglianico fruit and refinement in French barriques from one of Campania's most respected winemakers.

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**Grape/Blend**

Aglianico

**Release price**

Not Available

**Release Date**

September 2015

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**Taurasi, Campania**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2021 - 2028**

The 2012 Taurasi Vigna Quintodecimo is incredibly dark and rich, showing crushed cherries, plums, black tea, fall leaves and cedar spice box. This floods the palate with silky textures, yet quickly builds in mineral-driven tension, accelerated by nervous acidity, as tart red berries saturate, giving way to inner rose and balsam herbs. Its tannins have mellowed, nicely framing the expression without getting in the way, as the 2012 tapers off to notes of cocoa, salted licorice and tobacco. There's so much pent-up energy here, which creates a harmonious expression in spite of the wine's warm vintage character. You can enjoy the 2012 now, yet there's no fear of decline over the next five to seven years.

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Aglianico

**Release price**

Not Available

**Release Date**

September 2017

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**Quintodecimo 2014 Taurasi Vigna Quintodecimo**

**Taurasi, Campania**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2022 - 2026**

It's hard to imagine using words like 'delicate' and 'understated' when describing a Taurasi Vigna Quintodecimo, yet that's exactly what the 2014 is. Red currants, rose, hints of licorice and smoke develop in the glass. It's silky and pliant with a pleasant inner sweetness, washing ripe red fruits across a core of bright acidity, as saline-minerals slowly saturate and exotic spices come forward toward the close. This tapers off only lightly structured and fresh, leaving hints of tobacco and savory cherry sauce through the slightly chewy finale. While the difficult 2014 vintage has created an atypical expression of Vigna Quintodecimo, it's one that I'm finding quite easy to like. Expect a broad and open yet shorter-than-usual drinking window.

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Aglianico

**Release price**

Not Available

**Release Date**

September 2019

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## Quintodecimo 2016 Taurasi Vigna Quintodecimo

Taurasi, Campania

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2024 - 2038

The 2016 Taurasi Vigna Quintodecimo is incredibly primary and intense. A massive wave of black currants, plums, exotic spice, roses, leather, wet stone and underbrush blasts up from the glass. It enters the palate with fleshy ripe dark fruits offset by hints of tangerine under pretty violet florals; yet throughout the entire experience, grippy tannins slowly saturate. Bright acids create a surprisingly juicy impression through the finale, even as the 2016 flexes its structural muscle, tapering off persistent and impeccably balanced with hints of licorice that linger long. It's amazing how approachable the 2016 comes across today, yet it also possesses all of the necessary components to excel over the next two decades in a cold cellar.

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Aglianico

**Release price**

Not Available

**Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

170

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September 2021

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## Quintodecimo 2016 Taurasi Vigna Grande Cerzito

Taurasi, Campania

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2026 - 2042

Blackberries, plums, dried roses, hints of tangerine and dusty earth tones lift up from the darkly imposing yet seductive 2016 Taurasi Vigna Grande Cerzito. This glides across the palate with a dense wave of ripe red and black fruits, laced with salty minerals and exotic spices while leaving a coating of grippy tannins in its wake. For all of its intensity, there's a core of zesty acidity that maintains wonderful lift and balance. That said, the 2016 is nowhere near ready to reveal all of its charms, as it finishes structured yet sapid with unbelievable length as, over a minute later, licorice-tinged raspberries can still be tasted. Luigi Moio has taken the Vigna Grande Cerzito to a whole new level. This is a towering and potent Taurasi that will require a number of years to soften, but it should pay dividends in the cellar. Don't miss it.

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Aglianico

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170

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## Quintodecimo 2018 Aglianico Terra d'Eclano

Irpinia, Campania

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2022 - 2030

The 2018 Aglianico Terra d'Eclano is much more restrained and delicate than expected, as black currants and musky berries slowly emerge from an air of crushed stone. Hints of orange oil and exotic spice appear from time to time, making for a lovely accent. This fills the palate with ripe dark fruits, as juicy acidity and hints of citrus maintain an energetic feel. It tapers off lightly structured, with grippy tannins that mingle with lingering mineral tones under purple-tinged inner florals. While the 2018 doesn't possess the usual power of Terra d'Eclano, it's a wonderfully balanced effort that will provide plenty of near-term satisfaction.

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Aglianico

**Release price**

Not Available

**Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

1250

**Release Date**

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## Quintodecimo 2018 Bianco Grande Cuvee

Taurasi, Campania

White wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2018 Bianco Grande Cuvee wafts up rich, sweetly scented and floral, transporting me to Burgundy before thinking of Campania, as lemon oils and white flowers give way to ripe apples, hints of banana and crushed wet stones. Its textures are pure elegance, engulfing the palate with an opulent yet balanced display, mixing orchard fruits and almond paste offset by candied green citrus and saturating minerals that create a more tactile and crunchy expression toward the close. Hints of lime and vanilla custard linger long, as residual acids maintain marvelous freshness. Give this a year or two to integrate its oak; you won't regret it. The Grande Cuvee, released this year as a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the winery. It's a blend of 40% Greco di Tufo, 40% Fiano di Avellino and 20% Falanghina from the same vineyards that feed Quintodecimo's varietal lineup. The wine rests for eight months on the lees in a combination of 60% new barrique and 40% stainless steel.

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**Grape/Blend**

Falanghina, Fiano, Greco

**Release price**

Not Available

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## Quintodecimo 2019 Falanghina Via del Campo

Irpinia, Campania

White wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2023 - 2030

The 2019 Falanghina Via del Campo is spicy and wonderfully fresh, blending notes of sour melon and pear with yellow flowers, incense and stone dust. This is a fleshy and round expression that mixes tart citrus and orchard fruits with brilliant acidity to create a sense of abundance, but also unbridled energy. The sweet and sour interplay through the finale keeps you guessing and leaves the palate buzzing with residual tension, as hints of candied lemon and almond paste fade. While not a Via del Campo for the ages, the 2019 could use a short stay in the cellar to allow its bouquet to fully blossom, and it should then go on to make a lot of collectors very happy for a number of years.

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**Grape/Blend**

Falanghina

**Release price**

Not Available

**Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

1600

**Release Date**

September 2021



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**Quintodecimo 2019 Greco di Tufo Jaune d'Arles**

**Tufo, Campania**

**White wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2023 - 2033**

The 2019 Greco di Tufo Jaune d'Arles seduces the senses with its spicy bouquet that mixes ground ginger with candied lime, hints of honeydew melon, flint and smoke. Its silky textures usher in a dense wave of ripe orchard fruits, tinged with minerals and sour green citrus, all carried along a core of zesty acidity. This tapers off with remarkable primary persistence, yet also poise, traversing its weighty opulence against saturating salty tension, along with a cheek-puckering twang of zesty lemon rinds. Very nice.

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**Grape/Blend**

Greco

**Release price**

Not Available

**Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

2800

**Release Date**

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## Quintodecimo 2019 Fiano di Avellino Exultet

Avellino, Campania

White wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2019 Fiano di Avellino Exultet pulls you close with a savory bouquet of almond-tinged pear and young peach lifted by hints of acacia, fresh mint and white smoke. It's silky, nearly glycerol-like in feel, complemented by an opulent display of ripe stone fruits and spice, yet with a zesty twang of lime and a core of bright acidity to balance. This is rich, dense and structured, providing pleasure already through its balanced sweetness and characterful layers; yet today, we're only seeing a glimpse of what's to come. Hints of flint accentuate lingering notes of pear under an air of crushed rocks, as the 2019 Exultet tapers off with remarkable length. Simply spellbinding.

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**Grape/Blend**

Fiano

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2250

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